

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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GUIDELINES FOR USE OF RADIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the University Grants Commission (UGC) has made it mandatory for the colleges to obtain approval from the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board for purchase of radioactive substances, intent of its use and safety of storage facility;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the UGC has issued guidelines to the universities in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (d): According to information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the UGC has issued guidelines for procurement, storage, usages and disposal of radioactive and other hazardous materials/chemicals in Universities, research institutions and colleges. According to guidelines, the applicant needs to submit an application to Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) to obtain consent for procurement of sealed sources. This also requires submission of details indicating the layout of the site of handling and storage facility for the sources, wherever necessary. These are to be approved by AERB. The guidelines issued by the UGC are available at UGC's website: <http://www.ugc.ac.in/notices/notice.html>. These guidelines have been communicated to all Universities in the country.